

FOWEY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.



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Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report as M.O.H. to the Fowey Port Health Authority for the year ending 31 December 1949 .

A Summary of the inspections made and details of the number of defects, etc, is given in the subjoined Table .

Arrivals	Number	Tonnage	No.inspected by		NO.REPORTED defective	No.of vessels on which defects were remedied
			H.O.H	S.I		
FOREIGN						
Steam	27	14044	-	27	3	2
Motor	74	17171	-	74	6	5
Total Foreign	101	31215	-	101	9	7
COASTWISE						
Steam	126	80852	-	126	11	7
Motor	579	11241	-	579	16	11
TOTAL	806	224308	-	806	36	25

During the year there were no vessels reported as having or having had infectious disease on board during the voyage .

As compared with the year 1948 the figures of ships inspected show a decrease of 65 ships and 14,416 tons .

The distribution of ships was as follows :-

Fowey.	339 ships,	145,174 tons.
Other Harbours.	467 "	79,134 "

The floating population of ships inspected during the year was 8,099, consisting of

Members of crews	8,083
Passengers (not landed)	14
Stowaways	2

Embarcation of Passengers .

During the year 27 passengers embarked at Fowey, 22 for North American ports, and 5 for European ports . These were all medically examined before sailing .

Two stowaways were found during the year and handed over to the Police Authorities for disposal .

Character of Trade of Port .

This consists almost exclusively in the shipment of china-clay to other Ports, both at home and abroad . The only import is a small amount of coal for use in the locality .

WATER SUPPLY .

The ships using the Port are supplied, as requisite, from the mains of the local Borough Council . Frequent routine bacteriological tests are carried out in order to ensure that the water maintains a high standard of purity .

Owing to the very dry summer of 1949, and consequent depletion of the local reserves, it was not always possible to supply the amounts asked for, and ships had to complete their requirements elsewhere .

Port Sanitary Regulations . 1932 & 1945 .

On arrival the first persons to board the ships are the Officers of H.M.Customs and the Bill of Health is scrutinised by them . Should there be anything abnormal the Sanitary Inspector is at once informed and he proceeds to investigate the state of affairs, subsequently reporting to the M.O.H.

Berths, for quarantine purposes, both inside and outside the Harbour, have been allotted by the Harbour-Master, should need arise . If a case of infectious disease should require to be landed, it has been arranged with the County Authorities that such should be admitted to one of the Isolation Hospitals under their control and an Ambulance can be obtained at short notice .

There have been no cases of infectious disease arising within the Port area during the year .

Measures against Rodents .

1). On board ship. By fumigation and other appropriate methods 13 black and 4 brown have been destroyed .

2). On shore . By trapping and baiting 16 brown rats were accounted for . On the Jetties at Fowey poison baits were periodically laid and British Railways are responsible for rat destruction on their own property .

Deratisation Certificates .

There were no Deratisation Certificates asked for during the year . Deratisation Exemption Certificates to the number of 56 were issued .

Tonnage	No.of ships inspected	No.o Deratish. Certs.issued	No.of Deratish. Exemption Certs issued	Total
Up to 300	663	-	51	51
301-1,000	120	-	5	5
1,001-3,000	18	-	-	-
3,001-10,000	5	-	-	-
	806	-	56	56

Hygiene of Crews' Spaces .

The Table below classifies the nuisances, as found by the Sanitary Inspector in the course of his duties .

Nationality of Vessel	No. inspected	Defects of original construction	Defects thro' Wear & Tear	Dirt, vermin, etc
BRITISH	115	1	8	4
OTHER NATIONS	95	-	-	5

FOOD INSPECTION .

A Danish motor-ship arrived from France in the course of the carrying a number of food parcels consigned to a person in this country . The said parcels were seized and opened by H.M. Customs and were found to contain a quantity of bacon and sausages, which were in an unsound condition and unfit for human consumption. These were accordingly destroyed .

There are no shell-fish layings within the jurisdiction of this Authority .

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

William H. Keir

Surgeon-Lieut-Commander
R.N.(ret.)

The Minister of Health

